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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Volkmar HEUER  
TRANSPORT MODULE FOR SDH/SONET  
Assignee: ALCATEL  
Our Ref. Q65944

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 23 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and 16 sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement.

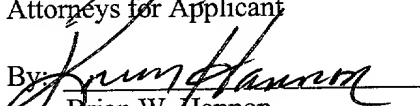
The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	20	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
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<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$710.00</b>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from September 26, 2000 based on German Application No. 10047510.8. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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